

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT: NON-AGENCY DEPARTMENTS

The 2011 Budget Act includes total funding of \$2.1 billion (\$468.9 million General Fund and \$1.6 billion other funds) for General Government programs.

---

### CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

The California Department of Food and Agriculture protects and promotes California's agriculture industry and ensures that only safe and quality food reaches the consumer. Following the adopted solutions below, approximately \$75 million General Fund remains in the Department's 2011-12 budget for a number of programs, such as agricultural plant and animal health, pest prevention, and food safety services.

---

#### ADOPTED SOLUTIONS

- Eliminate General Fund Support for the Network of California Fairs—A permanent decrease of \$32 million beginning in 2011-12 as a result of eliminating state funding for support of the fairs.
- Reduce General Support—A permanent decrease to various department programs of \$19 million in 2011-12. In 2012-13, an additional \$12 million in ongoing reductions will be implemented, resulting in total annual savings of \$31 million. This reduction impacts various programs relating to measurement standards, animal health and food safety, and plant health and pest prevention.

---

## **PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

The California Public Utilities Commission (PUC) regulates privately owned telecommunications, electric, natural gas, and water companies. The PUC oversees the safety of gas transmission and distribution systems in California.

---

### **ADOPTED SOLUTION**

- The Budget includes a one-time transfer of up to \$155 million from the Gas Consumption Surcharge Fund to the General Fund. In addition, the PUC was authorized to suspend programs funded by the Gas Consumption Surcharge Fund, such as energy efficiency financing programs, if sufficient funding from this source is not available.

---

### **OTHER CHANGES**

The Budget includes the following significant change:

California Renewable Resources Act—An increase of \$2.1 million Public Utilities Reimbursement Account and 10 positions in 2011-12 to implement a 33-percent Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) by 2020. The enabling legislation requires the PUC to determine annual procurement targets and enforce compliance, review and approve investor-owned utility (IOU) renewable energy procurement plans, review IOU contracts for RPS eligible energy, establish standard terms and conditions for IOU contracts for eligible renewable energy, and calculate market price referrals for non-renewable energy as benchmarks for renewable energy pricing.

---

## **COMMISSION ON STATE MANDATES**

The Commission on State Mandates is a quasi-judicial agency that hears test claims to determine whether local agencies and school districts are entitled to reimbursement for increased costs mandated by the state. The Constitution requires the Legislature to either fund or suspend specified mandates in the annual Budget Act.

---

### **ADOPTED SOLUTIONS**

- Suspension of State Mandates—A decrease of \$233.5 million in 2011-12 as a result of suspending most mandates not related to law enforcement or property taxes.

- Deferral of Pre-2004 Mandate Obligations—A decrease of \$94 million in 2011-12 as a result of deferring the 2011-12 payment for costs incurred prior to 2004-05.

---

## VETERANS AFFAIRS

California owns and operates six veterans homes located in Yountville, Chula Vista, Barstow, Lancaster, Ventura, and West Los Angeles. Two additional homes in Redding and Fresno are under construction. These homes provide residential and medical care services to honorably discharged California veterans who served on active duty and are over the age of 62 or disabled. County Veterans Services Offices, in coordination with the California Department of Veterans Affairs, assist veterans in receiving the federal benefits for which they are eligible.

---

## ADOPTED SOLUTIONS

- Delay Opening of Redding and Fresno Veterans Homes—A decrease of \$20.2 million to reflect savings achieved by delaying the opening of the Redding and Fresno Veterans Homes.
- Reduce State Support for County Veterans Services Offices—A decrease of \$7.3 million to reduce state operations for veterans' services and local assistance to County Veterans Services Offices.
- Greater Los Angeles and Ventura County Veterans Home Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Delay and Reduced Staffing Costs—A decrease of \$6.1 million to reflect a postponement to the opening of the SNF at the West Los Angeles Veterans Home and to reflect revised census projections at the Lancaster and Ventura Veterans Homes.
- Enterprise-Wide Veterans Home Information System and Federal Sharing Agreements Savings—A decrease of \$5.6 million to reflect savings achieved through efficiencies of the Enterprise-Wide Veterans Homes Information System and savings resulting from the cancellation of federal sharing agreements at the West Los Angeles Veterans Home.

This page intentionally blank to facilitate double-sided printing.